Fair and warmer tonight;

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PRICE ONE CENT

BUCKINGHAM ANSWERS **QUESTIONS LEE ASKED**

Show Impropriety of First Question By Framing a Similar Query for His Opponent

Why City Should Have Retained Harbor Area and How Judgment In Favor of Railroad for Damages Would Have Worked Financial Benefit to Municipality

City Clerk Edward T. Buckingham, Democratic candidate for mayor, made a statement, this morning as follows:

1. When you stated in your speech accepting the nomination, and in your speech in the Second district on October 27, that you were "absolutely unpledged to any person or persons in this city," did you know that if you announced anything else you would be liable to \$1,000 fine and one year's imprisonment under the Corrupt Pracment under the Corrupt Practices act?

2. If you did know this, why? Was it for political effect or was it merely ironical?

I have been asked to answer certain questions. I will do so with special regard to questions 1 and 2. I doubt if the gentlemen who framed these questions quite understood that they were virtually accusing me, without proof, of being a criminal. That they may now understand the truly dastardly quality of these interrogations let me frame a similar question, which I will assume to be addressed to Mayor Lee, thus:

When you changed your mind about the car barn surrender were you influenced by corrupt means? You say you were not influenced by corrupt means. Do you say that you were not influenced by corrupt means because the statutes punish corruption? You said that you would leave town. Did you stay at home because you were afraid if you ran away you would be deemed a fugitive from jus-

I do not charge that Mayor Lee was influenced by corrupt motives when he signed the Harbor Grab and Car Barn Surrender. The only charge I make is that those acts were not good public policy. But the question that I have framed is just as fair, and just as decent as the question that has been addressed to me with less excuse.

I must now ensist that these gentlemen either prove the charges they attempt to make.

Or that they state their charges directly that I may proceed against them for criminal libel. hey are unable to do the first, and unwilling to do the seeond, that they publicle retract and make honest reparation for the wrong they have sought to do.

been increased \$3,700,000?

4. The Democratic city attorney,
Thomas M. Cullinan, advised the
Mayor that the New York, New
Haven & Hartford Rallroad Company was certain to recover sub-stantial damages if the harbor line stantial damages if the harbor line advocated by you should be adopted. In view of this advice, would you still insist upon the adoption of such a harbor line?

5. If so, would you raise the money to pay the damages by taxation or by the issuance of bonds?

6. Did you advocate the renom-ination of the three Democratic Aldermen who voted for the adop-tion of the line which you call the 7. Are you in favor of their election?

The charter as it stood in 1906 required damages to be paid. The charter as it was amended in 1907 relieved the city of the duty of paying damages. The opinion of the city attorney was given under the old charter. The proof of this is the passage of the "Little Joker" which put back into the charter the clause compeling damages to be

Supposing the city had to pay \$175,000 to protect the harbor would it not have been a wise expenditure and an exceedingly profitable investment, in that the TAXABLE VALUE of such RIPARIAN RIGHTS would be established at VERY HIGH RATE.

Such a judgment would fix the average value of the riparian rights in each acre of the flats given to the railroad at \$15,900. In the whole harbor is about 500 acres in which such rights exist. Assuming the average value of the rights in each acre, as the value would be established by such a judgment, as only \$10.000, then the total value, which could be taxed by the city would be \$5,000,000, which at the existing high tax rate would yield a tax revenue of \$79,000 a year. This would meet short term notes bearing date of one, two or three years to pay damages to the railroad, and leave the city in the enjoyment of a net revenue of \$79,000

per year forever. I had nothing to do with the nomination of any aldermen of any party. Who shall and who shall not he elected to any office it is the sovereign function of the electors

3. How do you explain the fact that during the four years of the last Democratic administrations, the assessments on the manufacturing corporations were reduced over \$100,000, these being years of prosperity in business, while during the last four years of Republican administration, the assessments on these corporations have on these corporations have

I had nothing to do with tax values four years ago. I do know

that millions of property of certain forms is undertaxed and that lomes and lands are bearing more han their share of the tax burden. If I am elected I will do my best to correct this inequality.

8. During the four years of Democratic administration from 1901 to 1905, can you name one concession secured by that administration from the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company, the Connecticut Railway & Lighting Company, the Bridgeport Gas Light Company, the United Illuminating Company, or the Bridgeport Hy-Company, or the draulic Company? or the Bridgeport Hy-

So far as I know no Democratic administration ever secured from the public service corporations such concessions as are embodied in the 20 year water contract, in the harbor grab, in the car barn surrender, or in the offer of a reduction of the cost of public lighting which involves a suspension of the investigation of the lighting company, the abandonment of reduced rates to private consumers, and the just taxation of the property of the company.

9. Did the Democratic administration secure, or attempt to se-cure, any dock property during the four years from 1901 to 1905? And if any attempt was it made? was made, when

The power under which the city of Bridgeport is enabled to condemn property of the railroad to establish public docks was not in the charter prior to Nov. 5, 1907. It was earlier used as campaign argument to secure the election of Mayor Lee. If I am elected I will awake this power of the city from slumber, and put it to effective

PORTER CONVERTS REPUBLICANS TO MR. BUCKINGHAM

Charges of Criminal Libel fered by any party for the suffrage of the people."

They Will Hold.

Harry Franklin Porter has been one

The the best qualified, ablest and cleanest set of young men ever been offered by any party for the suffrage of the people."

The Criterion quartet then sang a few campaign songs, which greatly pleased the audience, especially that part where it ends with "Buckingham not Lee" and "Good by Hen. Lee."

Harry Franklin Porter has been one of the busiest men in the Democratic campaign. Yesterday he was invited to address a Sixth district Republican club in Madison avenue on the issues. When he finished it is said that all but three members of the assemblage had decided to vote for Buckingham. This morning he has consulted county for the consulted county applicated whenever he made whenever he made Harry Franklin Porter has been one but three members of the assemblage had decided to vote for Buckingham.

This morning he has consulted counsel to see if suit for criminal livel will lie against the Standard, which has charged him with supporting the Democratic candidate in return for being promised an office. Mr. Porter depromised an office. Mr. Porter depromised an office, in this campaign and backing the Democratic nominees wholly and solely because he believes that by their election the welfare of the city will be best safe. believes that by their election the wel-fare of the city will be best safe-guarded and for no other or ulterior notive whatsoever.

WILL THE PEOPLE FORGET-IN A WEEK?

Bridgeport, Conn., Oct. 31, 1998, To the Editor Farmer: Sir—How about Mayor Lee's statement, delivered with charac-teristic egotism and arrogance, in teristic egotism and arrogance, in his reply to Alderman Meyer. "the people will forget it in a week." meaning Meyer's reference to the "harbor grab." That unknown quantity in Mr. Lee's administration, consistency, is as lacking here as elsewhere. He now says his course in the harbor matter was proper, and for the best interests of the city. But, what is this we are to forget. Was there ever greater insult directed toward the voters of a community? What voters of a community? What degree of intelligence, pray, are we supposed to possess? Are you going to let Mr. Lee get away with this without comment? "THE PEOPLE WILL FORGET IN A

What? Put this in lead on your front page Monday. This is not an elev-enth hour canard, such as the Herald spread over the city today. It is an honest question which one

cent primaries headed by James A. McGuinness to raily to the support of the entire Democratic ticket, Buckingham, Boucher, Donnelly, Thomas, Hall and all down the line. It is our purpose to give the present Democratic ticket, with which congregation at the ticket the greatest majority ever enjoyed by any ticket in the Eleventh. I would request that all Democrats vote as early as possible and work for the success of the entire ticket.

Mr. and Mrs. David T. Foote have returned from Norwich after a visit with Miss Annie G. Gouid, daughter of the late Hon. James L. Gould of this by trade.

Mr. And Mrs. David T. Foote have of the late Hon. James L. Gould of this pay their last respects to their past associate. The funeral services were services were conducted by Rev. John DePeu, pastoning the could fool me into saying that I would vote the Republican ticket and how ork for the Republican ticket and the could fool me into saying that I would vote the Republican ticket and the could fool me into saying that I would vote the Republican ticket and the could fool me into saying that I would vote the Republican ticket and the could fool me into saying that I would vote the Republican ticket and the could fool me into saying that I would vote the Republican ticket and the could fool me into saying that I would vote the Republican ticket and the could fool me into saying that I would vote the Republican ticket and the could fool me into saying that I a big for layer to mode the conducted by Rev. John DePeu, pastoning the I I asked him if he thought he could fool me into saying that I able throught he could fool me into saying that I able throught he could fool me into saying that I able throught he could fool me into saying that I able throught he could fool me into saying that I able throught he could fool me into saying that I able throught he could fool me into saying that I able throught he could fool me into saying that I able throught he could fool me into saying that I able throught he could fool me into saying that

WIDESPREAD RESENTMENT FELT BY CITIZENS IRRESPECTIVE OF POLITICS OVER DASTARDLY ATTACK ON BUCKINGHAM BY PAIGE'S ORGAN

VOTE EARLY; TURN DOWN SECOND LEVER

There are many important days There are many important days in American history and in American life but tomorrow is the greatest day of all and every elector should make it a point to observe the day by voting early.

Make it a point to vote before you have it a point to vote before you

go to work in the morning for there might be something happen whereby you could not get to the polls again furing the day.

The most important business that any elector can have tomorrow is to east his vote for the men who are to be the head of the various offices of the city government.

It will not take a jiffy to vote on the machines. You are in the voting booth and out in less than a minute. Pull down the second lever from the top on the left land side.

It has a letter "B" indicating by it is the lever for the second row. The second row is the Democratic row. A vote for the straight ticket, is a vote to aid Buckinham in making the city of Bridgeport a city that we all may be proud of.

HEBREW VOTERS IN BIG RALLY

Attorney Joshua Meltzer Presides Democratic Speakers Discuss Issue

The best rally in this campaign in point of numbers, class of people who attended it and enthusiasm displayed by the audience, was held at Lincoln Hall, Sunday night. The best elements of the Hebrew citizens of Bridgeport attended this meetings, the greatest majority of them being sub-stantial business men and large tax payers, and judging from the en-thusiasm displayed by them it is evi-dent that the sentiment of the busi-ness people of the city is enthusiastic for Buckingham and the entire Demo-

cratic ticket.

The meeting was presided over by Attorney Joshua Meltzer, who made a few introductory remarks outlining the issues of the campaign and said among other things "that the Demo-cratic candidates do not get strength Famous Athlete Will Bring are the best qualified, ablest and clean-

After Mr. Buckingham, John M. Donnelly spoke. He received a very hearty reception, as most of the audience knew him, having met him at the tax collector's office while paying taxes. Following Mr. Donnelly, Attorney John Cullinan spoke, who delivered a very able address, and put the audience in good humor by telling them appropriate, humorous stories, and he was loudly applauded.

While Mr. Cullinan was speaking.
Mr. Boucher, the candidate for city clerk came in and received the hearty observing of the audience. Mr. Boucher

cheering of the audience. Mr. Boucher followed Mr. Cullinan and he held the audience's closest attention for 30 minutes and he received generous ap-plause at the close of his speech. Attorney W. W. Bent followed Mr. Poucher with a short speech and was very well received. Mr. Herman Kem-finski, an old time Democrat was the last speaker of the evening and he

As Honorable a Young Man As Bridgeport Ever Produced Slandered By a Publication Notorious for Its Subserviency to Lobbyists and Greedy Corporations

Stupid Assault Overreaches Mark and Redounds With Telling Effect Upon Its Perpetrators-Crowning Insult of Series of Foul Attempts to Besmirch Edward T. Buckingham-The People Will Answer Malicious Charges Tomorrow.

No wonder a number of decent men about town today are hanging their heads with shame. It is no longer safe in this city for a gentleman to aspire for public office without submitting himself to outrageous attack at the hands of a desperate crew who seem to have learned the secret of how at least a portion of the press of this city can be had to aid them in their campaigns of infamy.

Everybody in Bridgeport who keeps abreast of public affairs knows that a certain publication issued once a week in this city has long been the personal organ of Allan W. Paige and the interests he represents. It is no secret that Paige and those akin to him experience no trouble in getting this paper to shout for the pet measures of Paige and his interests.

The lobbyists in the last General Assembly recognized in this paper a friend in need and every public service corporation in this state regards it as extremely friendly and conspicuously useful in time of stress.

In its latest issue it attacked Edward T. Buckingham, accusing him of being the tool of gamblers and blacklegs. It charged that in event of Buckingham being elected the city would be placed in the hands of men unfit to be trusted with power.

Unintentionally it brought out the fact that under Mayor Lee gambling dens are running here and then it goes on to say that although these forms of vice are now existing, undisturbed, under Lee, that the men interested prefer a change to Buckingham. Marvelous logic this. What a colossal brain and massive intellect must have con-

Detectives, it has found, have been scurrying about the city and find that these places are existing under Lee. Said detectives then report that said places, although existing and doing business undisturbed, for some strange reason prefer the defeat of the man under whom, according to the eagle-eyed sleuths, they are thriving. Such a

Then what? Why Buckingham is to become a tool of these gamblers, etc. What of Buckingham's character, good name and standing in this community where he has lived al lof his life? Is a man to be judged not by his record of a life time or is he to be judged upon the slanderous statements of a venal and subsidized press.

DISCHARGED FOR **WEARING BUTTON** FOR BUCKINGHAM

Fate of Benato Celestino,

the employ of the U. M. C. Co, this morning, and he attributes his distold the audience how he became a Democrat. He was greatly applauded.

Deaths and Fuperals

Dora A., wife of John F. Toole, of the firm of Toole & Sunderlin, the well known local firm of dock builders and masons, died this morning at her late home. 329 Pembroke street, at the age of 47 years. The deceased had been a patient sufferer with stomach trouble for a number of years but despite.

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To a Farmer reporter who asked Colestino for particulars concerning his discharge the latter said:

"I live next door to the boss, Caserla. Yesterday there was two meetings.

NEW BISHOP MAY BE DR. CUSACK

The report that Rev. James P. Donovan, D. D., of Middletown, was most likely to be the new bishop of the diocese of Hartford, succeeding the late Bishop Tierney, has given rise to oth-330 Hallett Street, An Employe of the U. M. C. Co.

Dentato Celestino, of 334 Hallett ret, was discharged as a laborer in employ of the U. M. C. Co. this employ of the U. M. C. Co. this Dentato Celestino, of 334 Hallett street, was discharged as a laborer in the employ of the U. M. C. Co. this been little mentioned in connection with this diocese, but there is a strong with this diocese, but there is a strong hallet that he is likely to be the man

It will be interesting to Catholics to know in this connection that there is talk of the division of the diocese. In-formation comes from New York that a meeting of authorities was held there recently to discuss the question of the formation of a new diocese to WEELC. What?

Put this in lead on your front page Monday. This is not an eleventh hour canard, such as the Herald syread over the city today. It is an honest question which one voter would like to have answered before Nov. 2.

STATEMENT BY

MR. M'GUINNESS

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Editor of the Farmer:

I wish to call upon all the Democratic of the Eleventh District who supported the delegate ticket at the recent primaries headed by James A. McGuinness to raily to the support of the entire Democratic ticket, Buck. McGuinness to raily to the support of the entire Democratic ticket, Buck. McGuinness to raily to the support of the entire Democratic ticket, Buck. McGuinness to raily to the support of the entire Democratic ticket, Buck. McGuinness to raily to the support of the entire Democratic ticket, Buck. McGuinness to raily to the support of the entire Democratic ticket, Buck. McGuinness to raily to the support of the entire Democratic ticket, Buck. McGuinness to raily to the support of the entire Democratic ticket, Buck. McGuinness to raily to the support of the entire Democratic ticket, Buck. McGuinness to raily to the support of the entire Democratic ticket, Buck. McGuinness to raily to the support of the entire Democratic ticket, Buck. McGuinness to raily to the support of the entire Democratic ticket, Buck. McGuinness to raily to the support of the entire Democratic ticket, Buck. McGuinness to raily to the support of the entire Democratic ticket, Buck. McGuinness to raily to the support of the entire Democratic ticket, Buck. McGuinness to raily to the support of the entire Democratic ticket, Buck. McGuinness to raily to the support of the entire Democratic ticket, Buck. McGuinness to raily to the support of the Congregational than the formation of a new diocese to decise and been troughled by any the despite the age of 47 years. The deceased had been to the oas Caseria saled to me, You and the establishment of the surface of the Saurday there was two meetings. To live retired the Naugatuck, and the

The Farmer unhesitatingly declares that the author of the cowardly and unjustifiable attack upon the character of Edward T. Buckingham knew, or if he didn't know, he should have known, that he was guilty of libel, and that he was fastening, or attempting, as far as he was able to fasten, upon the good name of one of our city's most representative citizens a stigma which if true should call for Mr. Buckingham's retirement from public life. It was the greatest writer of

English who ever lived who breathed immortality into the thought that "he who steals my purse steals trash, but he who steals from me my good name takes that which not only does not enrich him, but makes me poor indeed." The dastardly attack yesterday upon Edward T. Buckingham was

a vile and villainous effort to de-

prive him of his good name and thereby deprive him of the respect and admiration of his fellow citi-It was by the same token an attack upon every other decent man in this city of ours, and in our opinion will not pass without re-

richly deserves. Every young man in this city and the father of every young man should show by his vote tomorrow that they resent the methods of this modern school of scurrility.

ceiving the rebuke which it so

It can be answered and we believe it will be answered in such a manner that it will never again be attempted. The decent thought of our city should express itself in no unmistakable terms at the polls tomorrow.

ever a man should exert himself to action and with every fibre of his being throbbing to the utmost acclaim to the multitude that he be delivered from his friends, he is that man.

Publicly declaring to his fellow citizens from his official station as Mayor in the city hall that he would have to move out of Bridgeport if he ever signed the war barn grab, he by some strange influence was induced subsequently to do the very thing he said would compel him to leave the city if he did so. Now a portion of the press that is supporting him oversteps all bounds of decency in attacking his opponent with the result that hundreds of Republicans will help swell the storm of Buckingham votes that will tomorrow write the word "finis" to the Lee administration.

WALL STREET TO-DAY.

(Special from United Press.) New York, Nov. 1 .- Opening .- A strong tone and some material adstock exchange, several industrial issues showing prominence. Steel Common opened % higher, Car Foundry advanced 14. Pressed Steel over one point, Consolidated Gas over a point Railroad issues showed fractional advances.

AT ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH.

The pastor of St. Anthony's church Colorado avenue, announced yesterday from the pulpit the solemn "Novena of Nine Tuesdays" in honor of the patron saint of the church. Devotional ser-vices every Tuesday night at 8, and the Relic of St. Anthony will be applied to everyone. Prayers for dead every Tuesday night after St. An Prayers for dead thony's devotions.

TO RENT .- In Stratford, 6 rooms, new house, all improvements, on line trolley, \$15.00. Also very desirable new house, all modern improvements, \$18.00. Geo. A: Porter, Stratford, H1d*s.

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H 1 s * o

be responsible for any bills contracted by my JOHN BRENNAN, 68 F. dton St.

Will End Six Years of Faithful Service in Council This Evening

Something About Democratic Candidate for Town Clerk and the Attacks Upon Him.

Among those who were initiated into the Knights of Columbus Sunday evening was William Thomas, Democratic candidate for town clerk. Mr. Thomas will close his six years faithful service as an alderman at the meeting of the Common Council, this evening. As a member of the Board he has done an enormous amount of faithful and valuable work which has not attracted much public attention. He has also originated and promoted many of the reforms which have fixed the attention of the voters. He did especially valuable work in the investigation of the breaking of the Beardsley Park Dam. His report upon that matter was a fearless indictment of the conditions that led up to the consistency by which so many reals. catastrophe by which so many people were injured in person or in property. He has always been an ardent advo-

cate of tax reform and is at present chairman of the investigating committee which is inquiring into the whole subject of municipal taxation.

The only argument that has been urged against the election of Mr. Thomas by his opponents is that he has only one less. Mr. Thomas lost has cally one leg. Mr. Thomas lost one leg while he was a boy, by being struck by a train. Despite this enorm us lan l.cap, however, he has attained to a more than average degree of success in the affairs of life, and has proved his ability in several fields. Mr. Thomas is of German parentage and descent. He is a member of the Schwaben Verein and a member of Bridgeport Aerie, Eagles, and since last night a member of the Knights of Columbus.

(UNCLASSIFIED.)

CARLOADS OF POTTERY just ar-

TEN MEN WANTED on the Jump Hill road improvement work. Apply there to E. K. Mills. H 1 s * o SOUP PLATES 45c per dozen, at A.

DINNER PLATES 45c per dozen at A. FOR SALE.—Upright piano. piano \$15, 75 cents a week. \$3.00. 844 Noble Ave. I

SAUCE DISHES 30c per dozen at A. Elwood & Son's. RENT.—New apartment. All im-ovements, 5 rooms, attic, \$16.00, 1476 TO RENT.-New apartment.

PLATTERS from 10c to 25c at A. Elwood & Son's. DECORATED DINNER SETS, 5 pieces \$3.00, at A. Elwood & Son's.

THE BICCEST and best assortment of Pottery ever offered for sa this city at A. Elwood & Son's.

WANTED.—100 loads of good filling near South and Park Aves. Address C. J., this office. H 1 b * p 9 LOST.—Tuesday evening on East Main street, end of black feather box. Return to 554 Stillman St. G 30 b*po

ELEGANT TOURING CAR to rent by the hour or day. H. Ford, 146 Fair-field Ave. G 28 * tf. o FOR SALE.—Soda water factory, two horses included. Apply 1592 Railroad

ELEGANT TOURING CAR to rent by the hour or day. H. Ford, 146 Fair-field Ave. G 27 * tf. o TYPEWRITING — Mimeographing, Notary Public, Sears, 108 Meigs Bidg. P 17 tfo

TO RENT.—Desk room with roll top desk. 416 Warner Building. I 2 * tf o

TICKLE THAT LAZY LIVER with Casca Laxine Tablets for consti-

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grocery for sale or rent on casy terms, good location, reasonable rent. Enquire 1205 Stratford Ave. I 21 * tf o

OUR SPECIALTY-Country Pork, Pig's Hocks, and Brautwurst, at Nagel's, G15 * tf o 1 3 5 E. Main St. GUINEA HENS, ducks, roasting chickens, broilers, fowl, liver pudding, sausage meat; bologna

WHEN YOU WANT a good Derby or soft hat, see Jim at 974 East Main street. You know who, James J. Sheehan. D 14 *tfo 1 3 5

WANTED .- A first class pipe cover. Don't wait until prices go up. Cover your pipe and boiler now. J. Walsh. 14 Kossuth street. g 11 * tf o 531

PRATT'S CAFE, 137 Fairfield Ave., is sure to have what you want in ales, wines and liquors. Do not forget the fine free lunch served daily. G 28 * 1 3 5 o